

SUBSISTENCE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-01-18

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2018, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence salmon fishery effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 25 and establishes weekly 48-hour fishing periods through August 31.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 01.610. Fishing seasons. (b)(1) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 25 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2018:

5 AAC 01.610. Fishing seasons.

(b)(1) in the Glennallen Subdistrict, salmon may be taken only from June 1 through August 31 during weekly fishing periods 48 hours in duration from 12:00 noon Friday to 12:00 noon Sunday.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of June 18, a total of 240,282 salmon were counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this date was 333,896 salmon, which results in a deficit of 93,614 salmon or 28% from expected. Copper River sockeye salmon have a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 360,000 – 750,000 fish (5AAC 24.360). Final sockeye salmon spawning escapement is expected to range between 310,000 and 390,000 fish depending on actual run entry timing. Due to the uncertainty of achieving the Copper River sockeye salmon lower bound escapement goal of 360,000 fish, fishing time and harvest potential will be reduced by restricting the Glennallen Subdistrict fishery to a single 48-hour fishing period each week through the remainder of sockeye salmon run.

The department will reevaluate the sonar passage each week and may add additional time to the weekly openings if sonar passage improves or may take further restrictions if sonar counts decline. Regardless of sonar passage, the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery will reopen by emergency order beginning September 1, to allow for the harvest of coho salmon.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7357 and the Glennallen Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, PO Box 47, Glennallen, AK 99588, (907) 822-3309.